

MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES September 17, 2015

*****Approved*****

Members Present:

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Yvonne Brantley
Jeffrie Cape
Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines
Hon. Jeffrey Sauter

Members Absent:

James Fink
Jacqueline Schafer

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Debbie Felder-Smith
Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Tiffany Martinez
Lore Rogers

Guests:

Kathy Hagenian - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Mary Keefe - Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair C. Sullivan convened the September 17, 2015 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Grand Tower Building, Room 8A, Lansing, Michigan at 2:35 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda and approval of June 19, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to approve the September 17, 2015 agenda and to approve the June 19, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan said that D. Cain won the very prestigious Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service award from the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM). The award was presented to D. Cain by Kym Worthy at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island at PAAM's annual meeting. Fewer than ten people have received this award over the past 18 years and Debi is the first non-attorney.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

D. Cain said she just returned from the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence conference at Mackinac Island. D. Cain said there were many good presenters and that she learned a lot.

D. Cain said that contract analysts have been busy doing grant reviews and contracts. August and September are the closing and opening time of year for contracts. Many staff members are currently on site visits and analysts are processing final bills.

D. Cain, G. Krieger, and L. Rogers provided assistance to and a letter of support for the Michigan State Police in its applications for grant funding through the Bureau of Justice Statistics Sexual Assault Kit Initiative ("BJA SAKI") project and the Manhattan District Attorney's Sexual Assault Kit Testing project. The Wayne County Prosecutor's office also applied for a BJA SAKI grant, and the Board submitted a letter of support for that application as well. These projects provide funds to support inventorying, testing, and/or investigating and prosecuting cases from un-submitted sexual assault evidence kits. MSP was awarded both a BJA SAKI grant and a grant from the Manhattan District Attorney's office, and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office also was awarded a BJA SAKI grant, which means that the Board's partners are receiving approximately \$4 million in funds for these efforts. As well, the City of Flint applied for and was awarded a BJA SAKI grant

D. Cain said the Board is continuing to work with the First Lady on her initiatives. D. Cain and L. Rogers participated with the President's Council on planning a convening of the 15 key state universities for work that their vice president's and key staff will be doing for work around sexual assault. There is a new head of the President's Council. L. Rogers was a presenter at the meeting on September 1, 2015 and many good ideas came out of the meeting. Starting next month, D. Cain will participate in campus assault grant reviews, which are coming in from the universities.

D. Cain said that S. Heuser, J. Wright, and one of C. Sullivan's student interns are busy working on the Safe and Together™ Model domestic violence initiative for child welfare. The first regional training will be held in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. M. Lovik helped write a grant initiative to submit to the Governor for new and interesting initiatives.

D. Felder-Smith said there are many quality assurance reviews for all the programs taking place currently. The Board will be setting up regional meetings at which M. Lovik will provide training on the law related to inclusionary work and the changes that are happening with new contracts. One of the changes is that the Family Violence Prevention and Service Act (FVPSA) is requesting that all funded programs not turn people away from shelters for drug abuse or any form of disability including mental illness. This is difficult for some programs so the Board will try to provide programs with some pragmatic and background information on how to deal with these issues.

T. Martinez and L. Rogers returned from an OVW think tank. L. Rogers, who was the facilitator at the meeting, said OVW had national experts on domestic violence and sexual assault talk about the process of

doing intake for domestic violence and sexual assault. T. Martinez was asked to attend specifically because of her expertise on the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

M. Lovik reported on HB 4622, which would amend the non-domestic personal protection order (PPO) statute to authorize courts to issue PPOs to restrain conduct prohibited under the criminal trafficking statutes.

Because the bill would have a limited effect on the Board's constituency, the Board decided not to take a position on HB 4622.

M. Lovik reported on HB 4845, which would reduce the mileage limit in MCL 722.31 to 50 miles, as measured by "a vehicle's odometer."

MOTION: Moved by L. Hines to oppose HB 4845. Motion seconded by Y. Brantley. Motion carried.

M. Lovik reported on SB 334, which would create an online reporting option for persons required to report suspected child abuse or child neglect under MCL 722.623. .

MOTION: Moved by J. Cape to support SB 334. Motion seconded by J. Sauter. Motion carried.

M. Lovik noted that HB 4563 was passed in the House on September 16, 2015. HB 4563 would allow township officials to enter into contracts with private nonprofit organizations that provide services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

M. Keefe announced that she will be leaving the Coalition and moving to California around late November. M. Keefe said that Sarah Prout Rennie has just been named the Interim Associate Director. C. Sullivan wished Mary the best. M. Keefe said Angelita Velasco Gunn is now at AWARE in Jackson. D. Cain said having A. Velasco Gunn in Jackson will be a wonderful addition to the Jackson program.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 3:38 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt